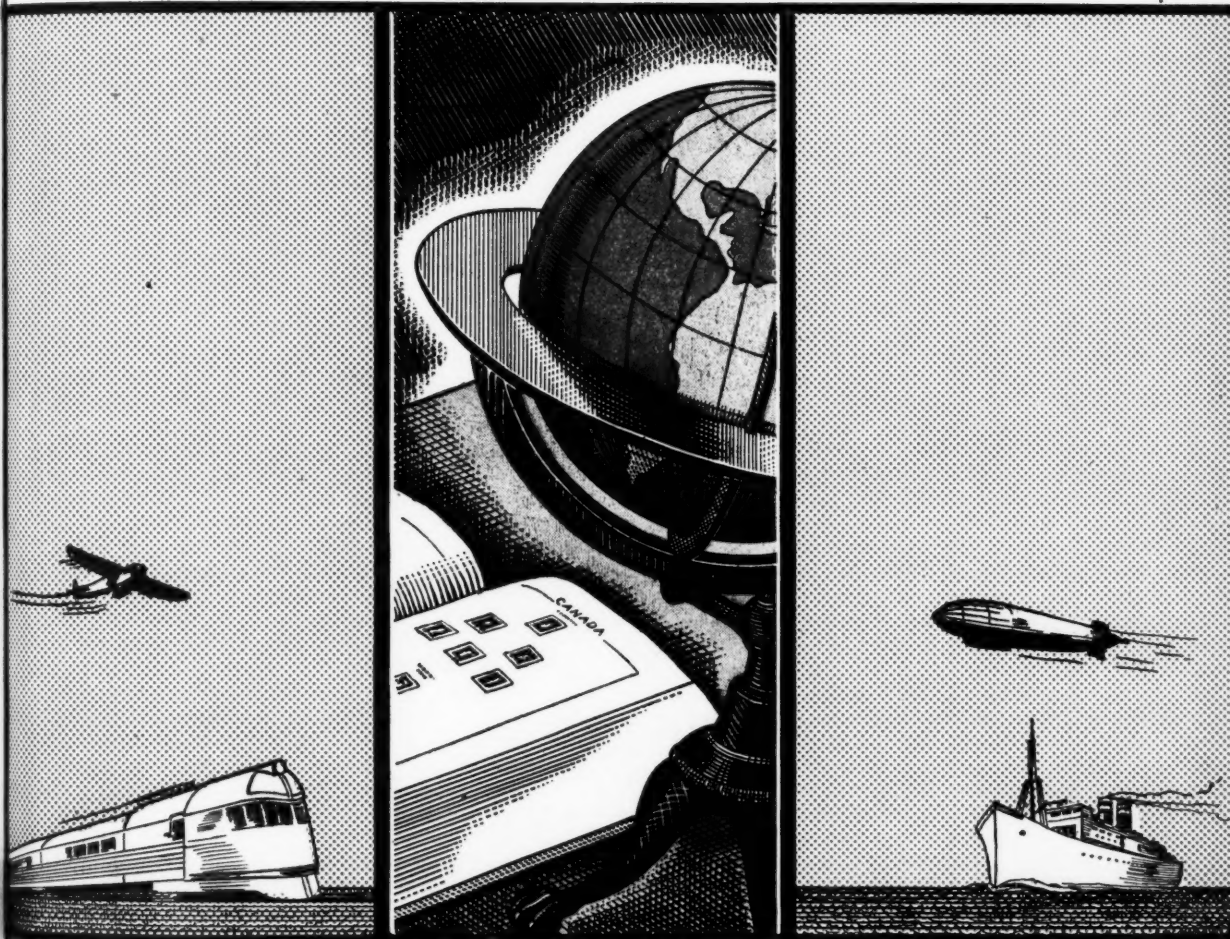


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BRIDGE STAMPS

By Frederick Irion

If you are a dealer, if you are a collector, if you have much money, or if you have very little, you will be interested in bridge stamps. If you have been looking for a field in which you can specialize at a low cost, this is your answer. If you desire to make a display of a type stamp that is complete at a low cost, this is your answer. If you desire to make a specialized collection such that dealers will say that you are a serious collector, this is your answer. When I began on this subject, I didn't realize that it was the "perfect" subject for a philatelic author.

If you are interested in research work, here is your chance. A display of outstanding merit can be made out of bridge stamps for your local club. Bridge stamps have everything.

There are thirty six different types of bridge stamps covering every portion of the earth. The total catalogue value of a type collection of thirty four stamps is \$28.35. Omitting one type, the two dollar Trans-Mississippi stamp of the United States, the catalogue value is \$8.35. My estimation is that for five dollars any high school student can have a type collection that will be the envy of the rest of the students.

If you have the complete type collection, at a cost of not more than twenty dollars, you can make a display for your stamp club that is complete: No one will dare to call a complete type collection junk for all you will have to do is shrug your shoulders and ask the person if his collection is complete. "Do you expect me to issue my own stamps? This is a complete type collection. By the way, Mr. X, have you completed your collection of _____?" You can easily see how advantageous a complete type collection may be.

Now if money holds no interest for

you, complete collection of 130 bridge stamps catalogues about \$1338.46. The most valuable bridge stamp is Honduras number 404 which catalogues one thousand dollars. A reasonably complete collection of bridge stamps, one hundred and twenty-four in all, catalogues about \$41.96. Six Honduras stamps make the collection of bridge stamps a pleasure to the person to whom money is no object. (Catalogue value is that of used stamps except in cases when the un-

catalogue value of \$2.06. Packets for ten, twenty-five and fifty cents can easily be made. The dealer who is interested in approval books of 100 stamps can easily make a worth while selection of these stamps.

Here is a suggestion for a display. After you have obtained the stamps, determine in what manner you wish to display them, but be sure not to crowd them. In the background work in ink a sketch of some sort of a bridge. If you are a draftsman, a beautiful display can be made by sketching in very lightly in ink a section of a bridge, or some type of arch that resembles a bridge; be sure to put in the actual dimensions for it will seem much more authentic. The artist has unlimited opportunities in this field.

If you desire to make a collection of the stamps in an album, here is a suggestion. Mount one stamp to a page. Mount the stamp fairly near the top, and outline it in heavy black. Below it get a small picture that fits the album page well, the picture fits in with the subject as nearly as possible, and mount it carefully. Somewhere on the page work in a brief description of the subject. As an example, a statement like this concerning the Sydney Harbor Bridge of Australia would be appropriate: "The Sydney Harbor Bridge was inaugurated March 16, 1932. It was opened to the public on March 18, 1932 with much ceremony. The total cost was a little more than \$45,000,000. At one point the deck rises to 172 feet above the water."

There is another advantage to a collection of bridge stamps and that is that a fine collection can be obtained in a short time. A complete type collection is a matter of days if you live in New York or Chicago. A collection of 124 bridge stamps, this



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

used stamp alone is catalogued.)

For the person who is interested in research work, the "Bridge of Sui-cides" of Monaco will tell its tale. The railroad bridge to the penitentiary on Guatemala type A64 is a complete story, in the same manner each of the thirty four type stamps will prove itself to be a subject worth studying.

For the dealer in packets, bridge stamps offer a fine opportunity. There are twenty seven bridge stamps that catalogue two cents each, seven that catalogue three, eight that catalogue four, nine that catalogue five and nine that catalogue six. This makes a total of 60 bridge stamps at a total

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1921 122 A15 5fr dark violet—St. Adolphus Bridge. (Also 738 742.)

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1933 65 A4 1c light brown—Viaduct at Mindouli. (Also 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73.)

MONACO

1923-24 54 All 40c orange brown—St. Devote Viaduct or the "Bridge of Suicides." (Also 73, 74, 95, 101, 105.)

PERU

1897 150 A27 1c deep ultramarine—Paucaartambo Bridge.

ROUMANIA

1933 430 A124 50b dull blue—Inauguration of Trajan's Bridge.
1933 431 A125 1 leu black brown—Opening of the Bridge of 1866 by Prince Charles of Hohenzollern.
1933 432 A126 2 leu olive black—Bridge over the Danube.

SAAR

1921 74 A9 50pf gray and black—Signal Bridge. (Also 89.)
1921 76 A11 80 pf deep blue—The "Old Bridge." (Also 91.)
1922 101 A21 10c blue green—The "Old Bridge." (Also 303.)

SALVADOR

1924-25 499 A110 6c deep blue—Bridge over the Lempa River. (Also 524.)

SPAIN

1931 493 A86 15c dark violet—Fortified Bridge, Toledo. (Also 498.)

TRANSJORDANIA

1933 189 A11 20m olive green and black—Allenby Bridge over the River Jordan.

TURKEY

1929 676 A70 2ku gray black—R. R. Bridge over Kizil-Irmak. (Also 677, 678, 683, 684, 686, 687, 688, 706, 707, 709, 710, 711.)
1926 1493 D5 20pa ochre—R. R. Bridge over Kizil-Irmak. (Also 1494-5-6-7.)

URUGUAY

1930 374 A113 5m gray black—Black River Bridge.

**New York Ladies to Hold
Dinner Meeting**

On Thursday evening, May 23rd, the Annual Meeting of the Women's Philatelic Society of New York was held in Room 329 at 30 East 42nd Street.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

President, Dr. Louise D. Larimore; Vice-President, Miss Lucy Shawhan; Secretary, Miss Helen M. Harrison; Treasurer, Miss Amy H. Lewis; Publicity Director, Mrs. Owen Kildare; Librarian, Miss Elena L. Wheeler; Board of Governors, Miss Emma E. Batchelor and Mesdames Edward Buser, Bert Ehrenberg, Walter Howes and Irene E. Kayser.

At this meeting it was arranged that the annual dinner should be held on Monday evening, June 10th.

This event usually brings together, a number of collectors and their friends, who look forward to a very jolly evening.

Those caring to participate can get in touch with the Treasurer.

Death of Mrs. Herget

Anna M. Herget, mother of Frank "Crazy" Herget, well known stamp dealer of Buffalo, N. Y., passed away Memorial Day, after a 19 day illness. Mrs. Herget had been active in the stamp business as chief assistant to her son Frank and Mr. Herget requests that those who have orders with him be patient and that same will be taken care of in due time.

Death of A. N. DeLauff

One of the leading collectors of San Francisco, Mr. A. N. DeLauff has passed away. Mr. DeLauff was an exhibitor at all of the leading exhibits in the West, an active member and hard worker in the clubs and a man who was beloved of all who knew him and his good influence was felt by those of the various clubs of which he was an active booster.

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(Special to Linn's Weekly Stamp News)

This past week when the United States Supreme Court declared the NRA unconstitutional it created a peculiar situation in Philately. We now have a commemorative stamp commemorating an unconstitutional act. The stamp was so widely distributed and used it is questionable whether any large stock exists and your correspondent would not be surprised to see the stamp increase in value quite rapidly.

This week it is still too early to know how many first day covers were mailed in San Diego and with the order out that covers will be accepted from any part of the country as long as the postmark reads the 29th or earlier, accurate figures may not be available for some time.

Readers who have not secured the Migratory-Bird Hunting stamp for the 1934-35 season are given until July 1st to secure them. After that date Postmasters are told to hold them awaiting further orders as to what disposition will be made of them. This was the very first stamp of this nature in this country and if it is like other first editions that within a few years are in demand, should be very nice items for one's collection. There has been some discussion and requests that after the season was over to have the remainders placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency, but no decision has been announced.

From June 9 through the 14th, the Shriners will take possession of Washington for their annual convention. Notice has now been given out that there will be a special post office for them and they are requested to have their mail addressed: "Shrine Post Office, Washington, D. C." This office will be located in the Benjamin Franklin Station at 12th and Pennsylvania Ave. At this writing I cannot say whether there will be a special postmark for the mail but I very much doubt it.

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At the annual banquet, recently held by the Washington Philatelic Society, Alvin W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, was the guest speaker. He referred to his Bureau and stated the principal reason for its establishment was to print money and Government bonds. The printing of postage stamps did not start until some years after and even today is a minor part of their operations. However, regardless of the fact that stamps are not their main operation, more correspondence comes in about stamps than any other subject.

It is the Director's opinion, and that of many Washington writers, that there should be established in the Post Office Department a division of information where all such questions could be answered. There are a certain number of questions that are asked over and over, possibly because they do not appear in print, or because the collector does not read the philatelic papers in which the question is answered. Until such a service is created, and to relieve the Bureau of this extra correspondence, it is suggested you write your questions to some Washington Correspondent. The majority, if they do not know will get the answer, and are glad to be of service to their readers. Many times during the year, between stamp issues, news becomes very scarce and we are all pleased to be able to answer the problems that may confront you and at the same time be using the column space assigned to our news.

Mention was made some time ago that there was to be created in the Post Office Department a Museum. The officials have been quietly working on the project and are very nearly finished with their plans. Notice was sent to all stamp issuing countries, members of the Universal Postal Union, that a museum was being planned and to date the majority of the countries have sent stamps to be placed on exhibition. It is planned to use a large room opposite the Philatelic Agency so visitors can look over the exhibits while waiting for their order of stamps to be filled. This museum is not a new idea for it was first planned as far back as 1894.

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Walter C. Brink, with the Brook Hill Laboratories of Genesee Depot, Wisconsin, has been after the 2c Columbian stamp so long that he knows just about all there is to know about this single stamp and it is doubtful if there is any other man or any other stamp which are so synonymous of each other as Mr. Brook and the 2c Columbian stamp.

He has been buying them in quantity for many years. Some months ago he acknowledged ownership of nearly a million copies. During his study of this stamp he has examined vast quantities of the stamp and has built a collection that requires a dozen volumes to house it.

Now Mr. Brink is planning a trip about the country and he has arranged an itinerary that will take him to several cities where he will make a display of this collection as well as tell collectors what interest there is in collecting a single stamp.

On June 15th, Mr. Brink will be a guest of the Columbus Philatelic Club at a dinner at the Chittenden Hotel. Following the dinner he will make his display. Needless to say all stamp collectors are invited to attend this meeting and those wishing to attend the dinner may make reservations by addressing J. O. Lord, 505 Brevoort Road, Columbus, Ohio. The charge will probably be \$1.00 or \$1.25. Res-

ervations should reach Mr. Lord by June 14th.

Among other cities to be visited by Mr. Brink are the following: June 13th at South Bend, Ind., special meeting of the local society. June 14th at Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Cleveland, Ohio. June 16th at Huntington, West Va. June 18th at Atlanta, Ga., special meeting of two local societies. June 22nd at Indianapolis, Ind., special meeting of the local society. June 23rd at Urbana, Ill.

Doubtless at all these places Mr. Brink will be entertained by the local collectors and stamp collectors whether members of the clubs or not are usually welcome at the meetings.

Battles Buys Taite Stock

D. Blake Battles of Akron has purchased the stock of stamps that was in the hands of Hanson and Taite of Delaware, Ohio. This stock was quite an active one following the world war. Vast quantities of the war issues were handled by this firm and the stock has been inactive for many years.

Mr. Taite recently sold the remains of the stock to Blake Battles and he is now attempting to clean up the odds and ends by some combination offers that appeal to a great many collectors.

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Inquiries regarding U. S. Issues will be answered in this column. If a personal reply is desired enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

Mr. A. C. Eggleston has shown us a damaged transfer on the 3c Connecticut stamp. It is on stamp No. 4 of the upper right pane plate No. 21395. On this stamp the cross bar on the cents mark next to the right hand figure 3 is only half there. This variety is easily seen without the aid of a glass.

The Rev. William T. Magill submits several stamps showing varieties and asks for plate number and position. As we do not have this information, we list the varieties and trust that our readers will advise us if they discover their positions. On the current 5c Roosevelt there is a line of color at the bottom of the left oval joining the inner and outer circles. On the current 2c Washington there are two distinct breaks in the bottom frame line which appear to divide this line into three equal sections. Usually lack of color means lack of ink but in this case we feel pretty sure that it is a plate variety although a duplicate will be required to bear us out. Rev. Magill also submits some other stamps showing white spots in the heavy colored portions of the stamps. These are just lack of color. In other words the plate was insufficiently inked, or the ink was wiped out of the engraving marks before printing.

Mr. Leland Chittenden reports having a 2c 1909 which is unwatermarked. This is undoubtedly watermarked single lines as very often this small watermark appears only on the corner of the stamp and is very hard to distinguish. He also has a pair of 3c Washingtons cancelled "Hankow, China" between bars. This is probably a naval cancellation, as when these boats are in foreign ports they generally make a practice of inserting the name of the port between the cancelling bars of their handstamp.

Mr. James McCreary has a postal card of the United States with the printed inscription "Cuba—2c de Peso" appearing below the stamp. These were issued during the U. S. occupation after the Spanish American War. These are not listed in the catalogue any more than foreign post cards but their value should be about twice that of the same U. S. card. They could be worth more if there was a demand.

Mr. Newell E. Collins has a copy of the \$500 Stock Transfer No. 4322 which shows a very definite double

transfer showing best in the upper left corner of the stamp. These stamps were printed in two rows of four, eight stamps to the sheet so it should be a fairly simple matter to locate the position by the number of straight edges. We are uncertain whether more than one plate was used in preparing these stamps but imagine that there was, owing to the fact that the same design was used for the original Documentaries as well as the Stock Transfer and Future Delivery overprints. If anyone can tell us more about this variety it will be appreciated.

We have received several requests for information which were unsigned. We regret that we cannot answer these anonymous communications.

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On page 517 of Linn's Weekly Journal, of April 27, 1935, an article was reproduced regarding Abyssinia-Reprints. This was taken from Gibbon's Stamp Monthly of London, England, to the effect that the Union of Swiss Philatelic Societies, with headquarters at Berne, Switzerland, had issued a communication in which it pointed out that reprints of the pictorial issues of Abyssinia in 1919, Scott's No. 120-134 are being offered for sale, and that 100,000 complete sets have been reprinted. Also as the reprints are made from the original plates and it further stated that the colors are fairly well imitated, the deception can only be detected by special examination.

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On the 26th of March this matter was further aired at the Municipal Office at Lucerne, Switzerland, which is an investigation court section of the Government of Switzerland. No further action had happened in this matter.

The information shown above is supported by proper documents from the Abyssinian Government, from J. A. Michel, and Aberegg Steiner & Co., the printers.

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These will be stamps number 41-2-3 and 46-7-8 from the lower left pane of the large sheets as printed.

Stamp number 46 shows a small spot on the fence directly above the space between the UN of UNITED.

Stamp Number 48 shows what appears to be a minute round ball or dot resting atop the figure 1 of 1935 in the upper right corner of the stamp. This same stamp also shows a scratch running across the c mark after the 3c in the lower right corner of the stamp. The mark runs through the top of the c and into the frame line at right.

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THE N. R. A. NO MORE Perhaps stamp collectors more than any other group of people will remember the N. R. A. because they will have forever a visible memento of the experiment that has just been ruled off the board by the United States Supreme Court.

Whether we believed in all its objects is something that is unnecessary to discuss in a stamp collectors publication. That many of its points were approved by most business men is beyond question and now that is gone, there seems to be evidence that its passing is to be regretted.

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MR. FARLEY Rumor has it that **TO RETIRE** Postmaster General Farley will retire from his post in the Department in preparation for his work in the 1936 Presidential Campaign.

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CAPT. TOWNSEND Altho his name **THE AUTHOR** has not yet appeared in connection with the series of articles on Commemorative Stamp Facts that have been appearing each week in this paper, we want collectors to know that the author is none other than their good friend Captain A. C. Townsend.

There have been many favorable comments on this series of articles and the copy for the entire series is soon to be completed. The series will run through the new San Diego Stamp issued May 29th and will thus be right up to date.

Publication in booklet form will be our next object and these little books will consist of around 100 pages, printed on excellent book paper, illustrated with about 40 illustrations and with a substantial paper cover. Announcement of publication date will be made soon.

REFERRING TO OUR EDITORIAL regarding A. P. S. Nominations a correspondent and member of the A. P. S. states that he understands that another group plan to nominate a full ticket, and all offices will be contested. This party further states that he favors a real election.

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(E. E. Parker)

Our good friend and contributor to new issue listings, Dr. W. I. Mitchell, leaves for Mexico City, Mexico, June 9th, to attend the Rotary Convention to be held at that city. Good luck and an enjoyable trip, Doctor, and hope we are able to get along without you for a while. We will do our best but believe me, it will be a job. Your co-operation will be missed.

I certainly get called on any and all oversights in this column. A card from Mr. E. H. Sprangers of Philadelphia, Pa., brings to my attention the fact that Albany, N. Y. No. 86 was listed by Dr. Mitchell in this column April 6th and later listed over my own name May 25th. This of course was an error in listing, but was more of an error in placing my name at the bottom. All contributions of my own are never put over the name. Or shouldn't be. Thanks, Mr. Sprangers.

Last week's listing of the Springfield, Mass. 3c ord. should have had No. 94, 3c ord. instead of No. 93. Sorry.

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These two handsome bicolored stamps were issued to commemorate the arrival of the first Norwegian settlers in the United States. The first shipload of immigrants arrived in New York on October 9, 1825, in the sloop "Restaurationen," and from there gradually spread over the midwest. The stamps are favorites and among the scarcest of our commemoratives. They appeared on May 18, 1925, perf. 11 and unwatermarked.

The 2c—Sloop Restaurationen—is really misnamed as cataloged, as no picture of the vessel could be found. Gunnor Malmin, however, found a picture in Norway of a sister ship of about the same dimensions that was built in the same yards by the same people and at the same time, and that was used in preparing the design for the stamp. It appears in carmine and black and deep carmine and black, with no known minor varieties. 9,104,983 stamps were printed, from red frame plates 16694, 16924, 16958 and 59, and black center plates 16687, 88 and 89, 16960, 17353, 17355 and 56, and 17379.

The 5c—Viking Ship—is taken from a replica of the Viking ship "Gokstad-find" which was prepared in Norway for the Columbian Exposition. It left Norway on May 1, 1893, with a crew of 20 men and arrived safely at Chicago on July 13th. It was afterwards presented to the Field Museum and is still on exhibition in Chicago. The fact that the American flag is shown on the stamp flying on the stern of the ship was much criticised for a time, until it was explained that the design of the stamp was copied from the model ship, on which the flag was so flown, with the Norwegian flag at the bow.

The stamp is recorded only in dark blue and black, with no known minor varieties except that on plate 16925 stamp No. 4 has a heavy scratch through the word "FIVE." 1,900,983 stamps were issued from blue frame plates 16925 and 26, 16961 and 16963, and black center plates 16927, 28 and 29, and 16957.

Center line blocks, right and left arrow blocks, bottom arrow blocks and top arrow blocks of 8 showing

two plate numbers and arrow are in great demand, and as regards the numbers of both stamps issued it should be stated that Mr. Michael Eidsness, formerly of the Post Office Department, has stated that large numbers of badly centered stamps were returned and destroyed. He claims they will be the rarest of our commemoratives.

First day covers are from Decorah, Iowa, home of Luther College, the oldest Norse-American college, Algona, Iowa; Minneapolis, St. Paul and Northfield, the latter the home of St. Olaf College, the largest Norse-American college, and Benson, Minn., the home of Representative Kvale, who sponsored the stamps,

The Sesquicentennial

An exposition was held in Philadelphia in 1926 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A series of four stamps was advocated at the time, to show the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, etc., but the Department finally decided to issue but one stamp. On account of its large size it was not popular with business houses and stocks remained on hand for some years.

The 2c—Liberty Bell—was issued on May 10, 1926, perf. 11 and unwatermarked. It appears in carmine rose and dark carmine rose, with no known minor varieties except some plate scratches. Printed from flat plates of 200 subjects there are both vertical and horizontal arrow guide lines and 12 position blocks besides the regular plate blocks.

307,731,780 of the stamps were printed, according to the official records, from plates 18540 to 47, 18552 to 83, 18634 to 41, 18646 to 53 and 18664 to 18667.

The picture of the Liberty Bell is not taken from the original bell but from the replica of it which hung over the main entrance to the exposition.

First day covers are known only from Philadelphia and Boston, although the official announcement stated that the stamps would also be put on sale at the Washington post office and the Philatelic Agency on the day of issue, May 10th.

Change of Color for Canadian Stamps

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As author of a weekly stamp column in a Middle Western newspaper and numerous articles in Linn's; as a stamp dealer and stamp collector I have received many letters. Time and again I have been tempted to set down a few observations as based on the contents of those letters but it has not been until now that the spirit has moved me.

I doubt if there is any other class of men and women, boys and girls who write more personal messages than stamp collectors. They write to each other, they write to their stamp dealers, they write to the stamp magazines, they write to the newspaper stamp columns. The annual bill for this postage alone must be staggering.

What do they write about? Stamps. I have done considerable writing on the subject—probably 250,000 words for newspapers alone in the last three years—and I have felt at times that there was nothing more to be written but the questions asked, the information supplied and the suggestions made in the letters I have received reveal that I have only scratched the surface of the subject.

I have learned that any number of parents are speculating in postage stamps in the hope that their collections of fifteen or twenty years hence will be a valuable gift to their children who, today, are just beginning to toddle about. I know a woman who has a specialized collection of blue stamps; I know a Scout master in Maine who has two clubs under his wing and receives approval selections regularly from nine different stamp dealers; I know a nun in a convent who collects air mail stamps; I know the owner of a large general collection who never purchased a stamp; I know a man who collects United States in the summer and South America in the winter; I

know — but why attempt to list all the interesting people I have come to know by correspondence? Every stamp dealer knows them and he has a mental picture of each of them. He finds it necessary to be tolerant of the fussy gentleman who buys an approval selection and writes two pages to explain that he would have purchased the balance if the stamps had not been off center, without gum, too heavily cancelled, etc. He resigns himself to the inevitable flow of letters from the bargain hunters who say that the So-and-so stamp company is paying return postage these days and how about it? He reads with interest the letter from a "big collector" which states that it is possible to buy any stamp one orders from England at one-eighth or better of catalogue. (Whose catalogue?)

I have tried to answer the thousand and one questions that have come to my desk. I do not know how many stamps President Roosevelt has in his collection and neither do I know where one can buy the 5-cent Norse American at a big discount from catalogue. I'm a little shaky on my knowledge of Azerbaijan and I can't determine from a written description whether my correspondent has a Siamese revenue stamp or an Indian states rarity.

I welcome the step of the postman and I shudder when I open the mail. I have an idea that women are more honest than men and I instinctively brace myself when I receive a letter on which the return address includes the word "philatelist."

Today came a post card from a lad in Vermont—"I have spent so much money for the new U. S. commemoratives I haven't any left to pay you." Yesterday brought this: "I have a \$5,000 collection of stamps. Please send me your penny approvals."

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1-ADS-2431-LINN'S W S N
AUSTRIA—The Mothers' Day stamp, forecast in our notes of last week has been received. Horizontal rectangular format, approx. 31x25mm., perf. 12½. Picturing a mother holding her babe:

24gr. dark blue

(P. F. Koch)

BAHAMAS—We have been advised that a new 5p. stamp in a large oblong size is on order. This will be printed in blue & red and will show a portrait of His Majesty and a sea view, incorporating a flagstaff, a lighthouse and flamingoes.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

BASUTOLAND—In our notes of Mar. 16th, we quoted from Gibbons' Stamp Monthly, the numbers used of the Official Stamps. In their latest Monthly, they now state that 900 sets never left the South African Government Printing Works at Pretoria. Deducting that number from each of the quantities previously noted for the four values leaves a mere handful actually used and they therefore will be exceeding rare. As it is merely a question of overprint, Gibbons' issues a WARNING to all collectors to be on their guard when purchasing copies of these stamps.

BERMUDA—The latest supply of 1s. stamps is printed on a distinctly yellow-green paper.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

COSTA RICA—500,000 copies of a special 10c. stamp was to appear in May to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the local Red Cross Society.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

FRANCE—The "Normandie" commemorative last mentioned in our notes of last week, is now at hand. Size same as the 2fr. chronicled Mar. 30th. Perf. 13. Picture of the Normandie at Sea:

1.50fr. dark blue

(P. F. Koch)

A Cardinal Richelieu stamp in a 1.50fr. value is promised for an early issue.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

GIBRALTAR—The 3p., Scott's type A16, has appeared in a deep blue shade and according to sheet numbering, comes from a new printing.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

HUNGARY—Some special "Pazmany" stamps will appear in September, the values being 10, 16, 20, 32, 40 and 50 filler.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

KENYA-UGANDA-TANGANYIKA—The 1 Pound value of the series heralded in our notes of Mar. 16th, will be printed in BLACK and RED, instead of purple and red as previously announced. Some of the values of the set have already been despatched from London to British East Africa.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

MANCHUKUO—Further values in the series with the added Chinese character:

6fr. rose

20fr. sepia

(Gibbons' Supplement)

A small supply of another provisional has been received, which was made by overprinting the 16 fen stamp with "3 fen", the 16f. value being no longer required. We are informed that these stamps were on sale only at the Hsinking Post Office.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

We are advised that a set of commemoratives has also been issued in honor of the Emperor's visit to Japan.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

MEXICO—A new 40c. Air Post Stamp is probable since this value is needed for a new rate on letters to the United States.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

NYASSALAND—Two new values in Scott's type A5, will be issued shortly, as follows:

A5-4p. purple

A5-9p. sage-green

The old King's head type, Scott's A3, in the 6p. value has been overprinted "REVENUE ONLY" and is now used for affixing to Hut Tax cards used in connection with immigrant native labor.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

POLAND—Quantities issued of the "Challenge" Air Tournament Commemoratives, chronicled last Nov. 3rd., were 2,000,000 of the 30gr. and 200,000 of the 20gr. The lower value is rarely seen on correspondence.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA—Late arrival. Perf. 11½:

A2-4p. black & vermilion

(Gibbons' Supplement)

SUDAN—We are officially informed that the remaining stock of the General Gordon stamps (chronicled in this column Dec. 22, 1934) will be destroyed and that they were available for postage up to April 5th. These stamps in used condition should turn out especially good.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

TRINIDAD—We are informed by the Postmaster-General that it is not the intention to print higher denominations than 72c. in the new pictorial issue, for postal purposes. There exist two higher denominations, i. e., \$1.20 & \$4.80, but these are for revenue purposes only.

A new issue of Postage Due Stamps when made, will be the same design as the present, but the word "Pence" will be changed to "Cents". However these stamps may not appear for some time to come, as the present supply is abundant.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

Fiftieth Anniversary Special Delivery

Mr. William Law of Rensselaer, N. Y., who makes a specialty of collecting covers which have been through the Special Delivery service calls attention to the fact that October 1, 1935 is the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Special Delivery Mail Service.

Mr. Law calls attention to the fact that this is the only branch of the service which has operated over this period of time in which the fee, 10c for first class mail has stood at the same figure for the entire period of time.

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Vacation Season Opens

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Another Thing

While it might be all right and above board yet it never seemed to ring true to me. And that is these ads stating that a large collection is being broken up into packets of 100. No doubt a collection sometimes is broken up in this manner but how easy would it be to unload a lot of cheap duplicates at the same time. A lot of times I seriously doubt if a collection is even being broken up. Any way I still will have to be convinced that such is truly the case as I don't believe collections are broken up this way unless there is some catch to it.

Some Commemoratives

P. A. Sturtevant of Pueblo, Colo., shows me a lot of commems among them the following takes my eye. Kosciuszko from Michigan City, Ind. U-59, and one from Kansas City, Kans. in U-121. A 5c Oly. from Elgin, Ill. in the type like U-16 but single lines. A 3c Wisconsin, 3c Park and 1c Park also a 3c Stuart from Albuquerque, N. Mex. in U-121. Want to call your attention to the fact that at least 90% of the precancelled parks are handstamps, so few are printed.

Canadian Numbers

Of times you no doubt have noted Canadian precancels bearing only a string of numbers. Well each different number represents a post office. In the May 15th issue of The Kaw Chief Stamp Journal three such numbers with corresponding office names are given. Number 1050 is Ottawa, 3470 is London, Ont., and 5850 is Winnipeg. Too I think 4530 is Toronto. The editor would appreciate a larger list of these numbers for publication in this column.

This and That

A government printed envelope from Ovid, Mich. Dollar precancels from Decatur, Ill. in U-1, Burlington, N. J. in U-1 and Phoenix, Ariz. in U-2 as well as ones from Kannapolis in U-48 and Hollywood, Calif. in U-8. Am saving all precancels now with the plate number attached. Prefer them in singles rather than blocks.

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Metco Stamp Club

The Metco Stamp Club in New York is made up of members of the staff of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Due to the growth of this club two new offices and officers have been added. Mr. Fred Beckerich, Recording Secretary, and Miss Freda Press, Corresponding Secretary.

The ladies of the club have injected a serum of gaiety into the club by several novel stunts. Stamp prizes were awarded to the winners. Refreshments were served and the men seem to enjoy the novelty of having the fair sex take an active part in the stamp meetings.

S. P. A. Convention

The official prospectus of the forthcoming convention and annual stamp exhibition in conjunction with the S. P. A. Convention at St. Louis, Mo., is now ready. The convention and exhibition will be under auspices of the Mound City Stamp Club. Rules for exhibition and details as to the classes under which displays may be made are now ready. Collectors who are interested may obtain a copy by addressing Henry O. Nouss, 3828 Dover Place, St. Louis Mo.

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There is considerable more following of these stamps in Europe than in America. It is over there where the principal experimenting has been done but we can look forward to more of this in America and collectors who will wish to keep abreast will want a copy of the catalog of Rocket Airmail Stamps that has been issued by F. W. Kessler, leading American specialist in these issues. You will find the offer elsewhere in this issue and the catalogue is well worth the cost as a valuable and interesting handbook on this new field of Philately.

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